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1. ACTING FONMIN AL-MANSOURI CALLED CHARGE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 27 TO READ TO HIM FOLLOWING REPLY OF SAG TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE (REF A).

2. EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

"TO HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA: WE HAVE RECEIVED AND NOTED WITH INTEREST YOUR MESSAGE CONCERNING LEBANON, AND THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD LEBANON. THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PRESIDENT SARKIS TAKING OFFICE IN LEBANON ON SEPTEMBER 23. HE HAS THE TRUST OF ALL PARTIES, AND HAS NEVER SIDED WITH ONE ELEMENT AGAINST THE OTHER. HE MAY THEREFORE BE ABLE TO BRING A HALT TO THE FIGHTING, AND THROUGH A DIALOGUE TO RECONCILE THE OPINION OF THE CONFLICTING LEBANESE FACTIONS.

"THE HOPEFUL STEP TAKEN BY THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE -- TO ANNOUNCE A UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE --

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IS INDEED A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE DETERMINATION OF

THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE TO COOPERATE WITH PRESIDENT SARKIS. WE THEREFORE HOPE THAT ALL THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT WILL FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THE RESISTANCE AND HELP TO BRING ABOUT A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE THAT WOULD RESTORE PEACE AND SECURITY -- CONDITIONS THAT HAVE SUFFERED BECAUSE OF CONFLICTING PERSONAL AMBITIONS.

"SUCH A DIALOGUE WOULD RE-ESTABLISH AMITY BETWEEN THE VARIOUS FACTIONS WHICH HAVE FOUGHT OVER THE LANDS OF LEBANON, AND LEAD TO CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN THEM, AS WAS THE CASE IN THE PAST.

"THE KINGDOM SUPPORTS THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF LEBANON, AND THE UNITY OF ITS LANDS. LIKewise, THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA URGES ALL PARTIES TO ADHERE TO THE TEXTS OF THE CAIRO AGREEMENTS WHICH WERE DRAWN UP BETWEEN THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AND THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE. WE ALSO HOPE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE IN ITS EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE PARTITION OF LEBANON, TO PRESERVE ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND THE UNITY OF ITS TERRITORY, AND TO CHECK COMMUNIST PENETRATION -- WHICH IS TAKING PLACE VIA THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO CERTAIN ELEMENTS.

"ONCE AGAIN, WE EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION AND ESTEEM FOR THE EFFORTS OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY; WE WISH HIM SUCCESS, FIRMNESS OF WILL, AND THAT GOD MAY PRESERVE HIM."

3. MANSOURI WAS READING FROM A DRAFT; WHEN A FORMAL, WRITTEN RESPONSE IS RECEIVED, IT WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION MR. CECIL, NEA/ARP.
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